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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Carlsbad - CBP Investigating Possible Human Smuggling Attempt

(U) US Border Patrol agents are investigating a possible human smuggling attempt after a panga boat was spotted in Carlsbad early Monday. Rescue crews were called at about 1 a.m. for a report of the boat off the shores of Tamarack Surf Beach. It is unclear how many occupants were inside of the panga, or if any injuries were reported in connection to the search. The investigation is ongoing. SOURCE: 18 October 2021, NBC San Diego

(U) Los Angeles - Arson Suspect in Custody for Hollywood Hills Brush Fire

(U) Firefighters stopped a brush fire from growing larger than an acre in the Cahuenga Pass Thursday night, and a person suspected of intentionally starting the fire was detained, police said. An arson suspect was taken into custody near Wonder View Drive and Lakeridge Place, according to the Los Angeles Police Department. No further details of the arson investigation were available.

SOURCE: 14 October 2021, KTLA

(U) Oakland – Four Wounded in Oakland Shootings

(U) Four people, including three men attending a vigil, were wounded in two separate shootings in East Oakland Thursday night and early Friday morning, authorities said. All of the victims were in stable condition Friday. Police are investigating a motive for both shootings and are trying to determine if any of the men wounded at the vigil were the intended targets.

SOURCE: 15 October 2021, Mercury News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Texas National Guard Personnel Fired Upon by Suspected Cartel Members Across Border

(U) Roma – Texas National Guard soldiers on the southern border were fired on Thursday by suspected cartel gunmen from Mexico, authorities said Friday. The soldiers were in Roma, Texas when two shots were fired from across the border, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. The suspected shooters are believed to be gunmen from a drug cartel.

SOURCE: 15 October 2021, Fox News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Capitol Police Officer Attacked by Woman Carrying Baseball Bat

(U) Washington – A US Capitol Police officer was attacked on Friday morning by a woman carrying a baseball bat along First Street SW in Washington, Capitol Police said in a statement. When police approached the woman, she became agitated and raised her bat. Officers tried to take the bat from her, and during the scuffle she bit one of the officers, according to Capitol Police. Police identified the woman as Olivia Romero, 25. Charges are pending.

SOURCE: 15 October 2021, Mercury News

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(U) District of Columbia - US Capitol Police Officer Indicted for Obstruction After Riot

(U) Washington – A US Capitol Police officer has been indicted on obstruction of justice charges after prosecutors say he helped to hide evidence of a rioter's involvement in the 6 January insurrection. The officer, Michael A. Riley, is accused of tipping off someone who participated in the riot by telling them to remove posts from Facebook that had showed the person inside the Capitol during the attack, according to court documents. He is due to appear in federal court in Washington later Friday. SOURCE: 15 October 2021, AP

(U) New York – Brooklyn Woman Arrested in Connection to Suspected Arson at Jewish School

(U) Brooklyn – The New York Police Department arrested a 39-year-old Brooklyn woman Sunday in connection with a suspected arson at the Jewish school Yeshiva of Flatbush, according the department. The incident took place Thursday around 7:30 p.m. when police said a woman poured gasoline in front of the Yeshiva and lit it on fire. A security guard for the building saw the fire and doused it with water, extinguishing the fire before it could grow. There were no injuries because of the incident, police said. SOURCE: 17 October 2021, CNN

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan - ISIS-K Claims Responsibility for Suicide Bombing of Mosque

(U) Kandahar – The Afghani affiliate of the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham Khorasan province (ISIS-K) claimed responsibility for a suicide bomber attack at a Shi'ite mosque in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar which left dozens killed and injured, a statement posted by the group's Amaq news agency said on Friday. The statement added that two ISIS-K fighters shot the guards of the mosque dead, broke in, and detonated explosives between two groups of worshippers, one that consisted of 300 people. SOURCE: 15 October 2021, Reuters

(U) Haiti – 17 Americans and Canadian Missionaries Kidnapped by Gang Members in Haiti

(U) Titanyen – Seventeen missionaries from the United States and Canada, some of them minors, were kidnapped in Haiti on Saturday. An investigation is ongoing, according to a source in Haiti's security forces, who attributed the kidnapping to local gang members. The missionaries were traveling by vehicle Saturday to Titanyen, north of the capital Port-au-Prince, after visiting an orphanage in the Croix des Bouquets area. They were abducted along the route between the two places.

SOURCE: 17 October 2021, CNN

(U) India – Authorities Kill Terrorists, Including Senior LeT Commander

(U) Jammu – Jammu and Kashmir region police killed two terrorists, including a top Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander, for their suspected roles in the recent killings of police and civilians in the Pampore area of the Pulwama district, police said Saturday. The LeT commander was among the top 10 commanders operating in Kashmir, according to police.

SOURCE: 17 October 2021, <u>Hindustan Times</u>

(U) Somalia – Al-Shabaab Commander Surrenders to Somali National Army

(U) Wajid – An al-Shabaab commander surrendered to the Somali National Army (SNA) on Sunday in Wajid town in the Bakool region. An SNA army officer told reporters that the commander, who was in charge of the terror group's operations in the southern region, surrendered to the Somali army based in Wajid town armed with AK-47 rifle and ammunition. There was no immediate comment from the terror group, which has been fighting to overthrow the internationally recognized government.

SOURCE: 17 October 2021, Lokmat

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(U) United Kingdom - Police Declare British Lawmaker Stabbed to Death in 'Terrorist Incident'

(U) Leigh-On-Sea – British lawmaker David Amess was stabbed to death in an Essex church on Friday by a 25-year-old assailant who lunged at him as he met voters, in what police said was a terrorist attack. Amess, 69, from Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party, was knifed repeatedly in the attack at about midday in the Belfairs Methodist Church in Leigh-on-Sea. The Metropolitan Police, whose counterterrorism unit are leading the investigation of the incident, said in a statement early on Saturday that they declared the fatal stabbing as a terrorist incident.

SOURCE: 15 October 2021, Reuters

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